



2002 Important Issues Survey

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**Representative Hankins
invites you to a townhall on
February 23. Representa-
tive Delvin and Senator
Hale will also be present.**

9:30 - 11:00

Richland

Richland City Hall,
Council Chambers
505 Swift Blvd

11:30 - 1:00

Kennewick

Kennewick City Hall,
Council Chambers
210 West Sixth Ave.

Dear Friends,

I hope you and yours had a wonderful holiday season and are already enjoying the new year! For those of us in the Legislature, we have much work ahead of us. At the top of the list is fixing the state's operating budget and finding a solution to our state's transportation woes in order to get Washington moving again.

As you've probably heard, the state's recession – made worse by the September 11 terrorist attacks – has created a gaping, \$1.2 billion hole in the budget. In December, the governor offered a plan to balance the budget by cutting some very important services – but without any significant reductions to the state bureaucracy. My goal this session is to work with my Democrat and Republican colleagues in the House to develop a plan that doesn't put seniors, low-income families, or at-risk individuals in harm's way.

Crafting a transportation plan that brings new resources to our state's road and highway system is our other major challenge this year. There has been no significant investment in new roads in Washington for the last two decades. Without a realistic plan in place, our state will lose even more jobs and our economy will continue to suffer. For the Tri-Cities area, the completion of SR-240 is at stake – so you see, it isn't just a "Seattle issue."

Please take a moment to complete and return this brief questionnaire. Your answers are very important. As a senior member of the House Transportation Committee, I'll be very active in helping write whatever plan eventually emerges from the Legislature. And as your state representative, the more I hear from you, the louder your voice will be heard in Olympia.

In your service,

Shirley Hankins

Your State Representative

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Transportation

1. Would you support a plan that raises gas taxes as long as completing the SR-240 construction is among the projects included?
☐ Yes ☐ No
2. One proposal being considered includes an 8-cent increase in gas taxes, in which the Legislature would vote on a 4-cent increase and the voters would consider the remaining 4-cent increase on the next ballot. Would you support this proposal?
☐ Yes ☐ No
3. A second proposal calls for a 3-cent increase in gas taxes for each of the next three years along with increases in truck fees, a diesel fuel surcharge, higher sales taxes for new and used vehicles and a gross weight fee on motorhomes. Would you support this proposal?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Budget

4. With a \$1.2 billion hole in the state budget, how would you prefer we balance the budget?
(check one)
☐ Increase taxes to pay for existing programs in the budget
☐ A combination of new taxes and government cuts
☐ Other: _____
5. If cuts were to be made in state government, where would you prefer the cost savings be found?
(circle all that apply)
☐ Reduce the size of the state workforce
☐ Identify and eliminate unnecessary programs
☐ Other: _____



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Advice

Please use the space below to include any questions, comments, concerns or advice you'd like to share with me. *Remember, the more I hear from you, the better I can represent you in Olympia!*

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After completing the survey, please refold it with the return mailing panel out, tape it closed, put a stamp on it and mail it back to me. Thank you!

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